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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 11/13/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-14, 17,15,18-21,23-27,29-31,36-40,44-46 now renumbered as 1-36 respectively.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 2/1/08.
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☐ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Edward A. Gordon (Reg. No. 54130) on 2/1/08.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 36 (Currently Amended) A method for transferring data in a network connecting a hub device to set of peripheral devices, the network operating according to a communications protocol having a plurality of alternating token slots and data transfer slots, the method, performed by the hub device, comprising:

identifying an address and a logical unidirectional communication stream for a ~~current~~ data transfer, the address identifying one of the peripheral devices;

generating a token based on the identified address and the logical unidirectional communication stream; broadcasting the token on the network during one of the token slots;

communicating the data between the identified peripheral device and the hub devices on the identified logical unidirectional communicational stream during one of the data transfer slots.

Claim 37 (Currently Amended) a hub device that communicates data in a network connecting the hub device to a plurality of peripheral devices, the network operating according to

a communications protocol having a plurality of alternating token slots and data transfer slot, the hub device comprising:

a memory having instructions capable of being executed by a computer for:

identifying an address and a logical unidirectional communication stream for a current data transfer, the address identifying one of the peripheral devices;

generating a token based on the identified address and the logical unidirectional communication stream; broadcasting the token on the network during one of the token slots; and

communicating the data between the identified peripheral device and the hub devices on the identified logical unidirectional communicational stream during one of the data transfer slots
; and a processor that executes the instructions in the memory.

Claim 38. (currently amended) A method for transferring data in a network connecting at least one peripheral device to a hub device, the method, performed by one of the peripheral devices, comprising:

receiving a token from the hub device that identifies the peripheral device and one of a plurality of logical unidirectional communication streams;

analyzing the token to determine a size and direction of a ~~current~~ data transfer;

and transferring data to or receiving data from the hub device over the identified logical unidirectional communication stream according to the determined size and direction of the ~~current~~ data transfer.

Claim 40. (currently amended) A peripheral device that communicates data in a network connecting at least one peripheral device to a hub device, the peripheral device comprising:

a memory that stores instructions; and

a processor that executes the instructions in the memory to: receive a token from the hub device, [[that]] wherein the token identifies the peripheral device and one of a plurality of logical unidirectional communication streams,

analyze the token to determine a size and direction of a ~~current~~ data transfer, and

transfer data to or receive data from the hub device over the identified logical unidirectional communication stream according to the determined size and direction of the ~~current~~ data transfer.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to PHUC H. TRAN whose telephone number is (571) 272-3172.

The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (8-4:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, CHI PHAM can be reached on (571) 272-3179. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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